

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3 as with the following amended paragraph:

This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 10/356,606, filed February 3, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part application of Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US02/29422, filed September 18, 2002, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and claims priority to a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/953,891, filed on September 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,470,696, and this is a continuation-in-part of Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US02/29422, filed September 18, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/953,891, filed September 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,470,696. The the entire disclosure of which each of the prior applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 as with the following amended paragraph (please delete the words "~~preclusion and/or~~" which were presented in strike-through in the original text as filed):

With reference to FIG. 5, the output signal of the capacitance-to-voltage circuit is connected by conductors 45 and 46 to comparator circuit 47. This output signal is compared to a set point voltage previously established in comparator circuit 47. If the signal is less than a pre-established set point, the signal is interpreted as meaning that fogging of the surface is not present or imminent. If the signal is equal to or greater to the pre-established set point, the signal is interpreted as meaning that fogging of the surface is present, imminent or likely to occur, in which case the system activates ~~preclusion and/or~~ condensation suppression action.